

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Traditionally, the bride's family has been responsible for the majority of wedding costs. However, more recently brides and grooms are relying less on their parents and are assuming and/or sharing costs of the wedding. If the bride and groom's parents do offer financial help, they usually offer equal financial assistance. Today, a bride and groom may pay for their entire wedding themselves, their parents may subsidize some costs, or their parents may fund the entire wedding. The following guidelines offer a traditional division of wedding expenses.

The Bride & Her Family

- engagement party
- bridesmaids' luncheon
- invitations and stationary
- wedding gown and accessories
- wedding attire for bride's parents
- groom's ring
- flowers (ceremony, reception, bouquets, corsages)
- ceremony venue fees
- music fees
- photography
- reception costs
- wedding day transportation
- gift for groom
- gift for bridesmaids
- lodging for out-of-town attendants

The Groom & His Family

- engagement party
- rehearsal dinner
- groom's wedding attire
- wedding attire for groom's parents
- bride's engagement and wedding rings
- flowers (bride's bouquet, boutonnieres, corsages)
- marriage licence
- officiant's fees
- honeymoon
- gift for bride
- gift for groomsmen
- lodging for out-of-town attendants

The Attendants

- the bridesmaids may host a bridal shower
- wedding attire and accessories
- transportation expenses
- personal wedding gift for bride & groom & collective bridesmaid gift for bride
- personal wedding gift for bride & groom & collective groomsman gift for groom

